

PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL
PROPERTY OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE UNIVER-
SITY OF NORTH DAKOTA, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

SEPTEMBER 29, 1971.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House
and ordered to be printed

Mr. BARING, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 8653]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 8653) to provide for the conveyance of certain real property of the United States to the University of North Dakota, State of North Dakota, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of H.R. 8653 is to provide for the conveyance, without cost, of a 3.36-acre tract of Federal land to the University of North Dakota.

H.R. 8653 was introduced by Mr. Andrews of North Dakota. S. 74, an identical bill, was passed by the Senate on August 2, 1971.

NEED

In 1949 the University Memorial Corporation deeded to the Federal Government, without cost, an 11.7-acre tract of land for use by the Bureau of Mines as a site for a lignite research laboratory. The 3.36-acre tract here under consideration is a portion of that larger tract. It was not used for construction purposes but has served only as a buffer zone to assure that incompatible uses would not interfere with operation of the research laboratory. The University of North Dakota now wishes to use this tract as a site for a new winter sports arena. The committee was advised by witnesses from the Bureau of Mines that such a use would not be incompatible with the needs of the adjacent laboratory operated by the Bureau. The Federal Government has no further need for the land.

COST

There are no Federal costs involved in the enactment of H.R. 8653.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, by unanimous voice vote, recommends enactment of H.R. 8653.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The favorable report of the Department of the Interior follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D.C., June 18, 1971.

HON. WAYNE N. ASPINALL,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is in response to your request for the views of this Department on H.R. 8653, a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain real property of the United States to the University of North Dakota, State of North Dakota.

We recommend the enactment of this bill.

The land involved, which was conveyed by the University Memorial Corporation to the United States of America under the provisions of the Interior Department Appropriations Act, 1949 (Public Law 80-841) and the act of March 25, 1948 (Public Law 80-454), is desired by the University for use as a site for a new winter sports arena. The Bureau of Mines, which has jurisdiction over this land, advises that its transfer would have little effect on present or future Bureau programs. We believe that conveyance of this land to the University without consideration would be a worthy example of cooperation between Federal and State governments.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the administration's program.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES R. SMITH,
Assistant Secretary of the Interior.